

Remarks

The Office Action mailed July 21, 2003 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-28 are now pending in this application. Claims 1-28 stand rejected.

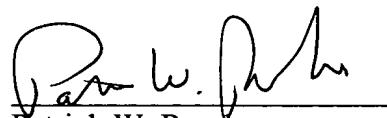
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), a one month extension of time is submitted herewith to extend the due date of the response to the Office Action dated July 21, 2003, for the above-identified patent application from October 21, 2003, through and including November 21, 2003. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(2), authorization to charge a deposit account in the amount of \$110.00 to cover this extension of time request also is submitted herewith.

The rejection of Claims 1-7 and 11-28 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over commonly assigned U.S. Patent Number 6,358,546 is respectfully traversed. Submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer limiting the term of the pending application to that of U.S. Patent Number 6,358,546. Applicants respectfully request that the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of Claims 1-7 and 11-28 be withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 8-28 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over commonly assigned U.S. Patent Number 6,493,641 is respectfully traversed. Submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer limiting the term of the pending application to that of U.S. Patent Number 6,493,641. Applicants respectfully request that the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of Claims 8-28 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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